

Senate Resolution No. 28
Introduced by Senator Alquist

Relative to Greek Independence Day

WHEREAS, Our democratic system of government traces its earliest roots back to ancient Greece; and

WHEREAS, The leaders of the American Revolution and the framers of the Constitution often drew inspiration from Athenian lawgivers and philosophers and called the Greek example to mind as they sought to build the new nation on the foundations of representative government and free political discourse; and

WHEREAS, The Greeks of 1821 drew inspiration, in turn, from the ideals and institutions of the fledgling United States as they waged their own struggle for liberty; and

WHEREAS, Greece and the United States have stood together as friends and allies from the time America embraced modern Greece's struggle for independence 191 years ago; and

WHEREAS, Our alliance with Greece remains strong, and its future is promising; and

WHEREAS, Greeks and Americans share a love of freedom, liberty, and individual rights, and the friendship between our two nations is based on mutual respect, a commitment to common goals, and the sharing of fundamental values; and

WHEREAS, Ties of blood and kinship also unite Greeks and Americans; the modern community of approximately three million Greek Americans has established a natural and enduring bridge between our nations; and

WHEREAS, Today, we take special note of those citizens and thank them for their innumerable contributions to our nation's cultural, economic, and political heritage; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate hereby designates March 25, 2012, as Greek Independence Day, and calls upon all the people of the State of California to observe this day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

Senate Resolution No. 28 read and adopted by the Senate March 26, 2012.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate